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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of:	:	
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Title:	:	
AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR RATING PIPE SEGMENTS IN A WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM		

**RESPONSE**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2004 and is being filed within one month after the shortened statutory period for response . A Petition for a one month extension of time accompanies this paper. If any additional fees are due, charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 200427.0004).